

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

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\$2,188,727.86 in funds formerly on
deposit at Merrill Lynch, Account
Number [REDACTED] 7J16, held in the name of
Blackstone International Development,

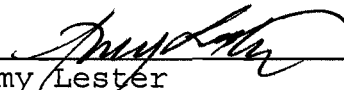
Defendant-in-rem.

DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION

Notice of Civil Forfeiture was posted on an official government internet site (www.forfeiture.gov) for at least 30 consecutive days, beginning on June 21, 2008, as required by Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(C) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, as evidenced by Attachment 1.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: September 5, 2008
New York, New York



Amy Lester
Assistant United States Attorney

Attachment 1

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COURT CASE NUMBER: 08 CV. 5095 (GEL); NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION

Pursuant to 18 USC § 981, the United States filed a verified Complaint for Forfeiture against the following property:

\$2,188,727.86 in funds formerly on deposit at Merrill Lynch, Acct# [REDACTED] 7J16 (08-DEA-500645), which was seized from Merryl Lynch in care of Blackstone International Development on May 21, 2008 at 701 Brickell Avenue, 11th fl., located in Miami, FL

Any person claiming a legal interest in the Defendant Property must file a verified Claim with the court within 60 days from the first day of publication (June 21, 2008) of this Notice on this official government internet web site and an Answer within 20 days thereafter. Title 18, United States Code, Section 983(h)(1) permits a court to impose a civil fine on anyone asserting an interest in property which the court determines was frivolous.

The verified Claim and Answer must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, United States District Court, 500 Pearl Street, Room 120, New York, NY 10007, and copies of each served upon Assistant United States Attorney Amy Lester, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, NY 10007, or default and forfeiture will be ordered. See, 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(4)(A) and Rule G(5) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions.

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U.S. v. \$2,188,727.86 Formerly on Deposit at Merrill Lynch
 Court Case No: 08 CV. 5095 (GEL)
 For Asset ID(s): See Attached Advertisement Copy

Consecutive Calendar Day Count	Date Advertisement Appeared on the Web Site	Total Hours Web Site was Available during Calendar Day	Verification that Advertisement existed on Web Site
1	06/21/2008	23.6	Verified
2	06/22/2008	23.6	Verified
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4	06/24/2008	23.7	Verified
5	06/25/2008	23.3	Verified
6	06/26/2008	23.5	Verified
7	06/27/2008	23.6	Verified
8	06/28/2008	22.4	Verified
9	06/29/2008	22.9	Verified
10	06/30/2008	23.6	Verified
11	07/01/2008	23.6	Verified
12	07/02/2008	22.5	Verified
13	07/03/2008	22.4	Verified
14	07/04/2008	23.5	Verified
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29	07/19/2008	23.6	Verified
30	07/20/2008	23.6	Verified

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